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TOPIC AAA Battalion of the KVPD in Prenzlau

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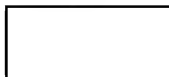
1. Prior to 10 June 1953, the AAA battalion of the KVPD in Prenzlau was located in the newly constructed permanent buildings in Droegerheide, about 3 kilometer east of Torgelow. It was organized into the headquarters with 13 officers, 2 NCOs and 3 EM; the headquarters company with 6 officers, 20 NCOs and 60 EM; the 1st through 4th Cos each with 6 officers, 9 NCOs and 72 EM; and the instruction company, an NCO course, with 6 officers, 3 NCOs and 30 EM. When, in late June, the 4th Co was transferred to Zittau, the strength of the battalion decreased to about 43 officers, 52 NCOs and 309 EM and the squads of the gun platoons of the 1st through 3d Cos were reduced from 3 to 2 and a new 4th Co was activated from the remaining squads. Thus, the companies were no longer equipped with 6, but only with 4 guns. 25X1
2. Officers of the battalion included Senior Lieutenant Garz (fnu), commanding officer; Senior Lieutenant Richter (fnu), director of training; Senior Lieutenant Keil (fnu), chief of staff; Captain Morawin (fnu) PK officer; Lieutenant Stark (fnu), commanding officer of the 1st Btry; Senior Lieutenant Ulbricht (fnu) commanding officer of the 2d Btry; Senior Lieutenant Triglaf (fnu), commanding officer of the 3d Btry; and Senior Lieutenant Lieske, commanding officer of the 4th Btry.
3. Nine Soviet advisors were assigned to the AAA battalion. They wore KVP uniforms. The advisor of the 4th Co, allegedly Major Piolevki (fnu) did not follow the company to Zittau.
4. The battalion was armed with 24 x 37-mm AA guns 6 of which were taken along to Zittau. In addition, each platoon had one Soviet light machine gun. The battalion was equipped with 22 G 5 (H 6) trucks 6 of which were transferred to Zittau as prime movers with the 4th Co; 6 ZIS-150 trucks; 2 BMW sedans and 1 P 1 jeep. 25X1 25X1C
5. Fifteen percent of the EM belonged to the 1935 class, 30 percent to the 1934 class, 30 percent to the 1933 class and 10 percent to the 1932 class, while 15 percent belonged to the 1931 class and older classes. Twenty percent of the EM came from Saxony, 15 percent from Mecklenburg, 5 percent from Berlin, 5 percent from Saxony/Anhalt, 40 percent from Brandenburg and

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10 percent from Thuringia. Twenty-five percent of the personnel were faithful Communists, 15 percent were indifferent, 40 percent secretly opposed the regime and 20 percent were in open opposition.

- 25X1A 1. Comment. The unit has been confirmed The 4th Co was most probably transferred to the AAA regiment together with the 5th Co (85-mm AA guns) of the AAA regiment in Pasewalk. Since also two light companies of the AAA regiment of the mechanized division in Eggesin were transferred to the AAA regiment in Kirchmoeser together with the 7th Co of the regiment in Pasewalk it is believed that another light AAA company, possibly of the AAA battalion in Prora was transferred to the AAA regiment in Gotha together with the 3d Co of the regiment in Pasewalk.
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- 25X1A 2. Comment. It appears that, after the reorganization of the battalion, two guns became surplus equipment.

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